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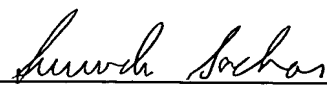
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TITLE OF INVENTION
 CERAMIC COMPOSITE WALL COVERING

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
 4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
 5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
 6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
 8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
 - a. ☐ If the declaration is in a language other than the English language, it is accompanied by an English translation. The translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.69)
 10. ☒ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
 11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
 12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
- Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:**
13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Cited References
 - c. ☐ Statement of Relevancy
 - d. ☐ List of Related Cases.
 14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
 15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
 16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
 17. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
 18. ☐ A substitute specification.
 19. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
 20. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
 21. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 22. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 23. ☒ Other items or information: Notice of Priority/PCT/IB/304/Request for Consideration/Amended Sheets (pages 30-33)
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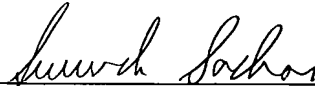
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that applicant(s) request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the International Search Report according to MPEP §609 and so indicate by a statement in the first Office Action that the information has been considered. When the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates both the search report and copies of the documents are present in the national stage file, there is no requirement for the applicant(s) to submit them (1156 O.G. 91 November 23, 1993).

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